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July 29, 2011

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street NW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Comment Deadlines Established Regarding the LightSquared Technical Working Group Report,
IB Docket No. 11-109

Dear Ms. Dortch,

I strongly urge the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to continue working with both the GPS community and LightSquared to design a solution where both GPS and 4G-LTE services can co-exist. This path forward is necessary to ensure both the safety and prosperity of America's future. Asking Americans to choose is not an answer.

By offering 4G-LTE access via wholesale, LightSquared is essentially democratizing wireless broadband in the United States. This is especially important in economically disadvantaged parts of the country, including my urban district in the heart of Kansas City.

In addition, LightSquared's investment in American infrastructure will help generate 15,000 jobs in each year of its network build out and inject at least \$14 billion into the economy. In the long-term, LightSquared's service will provide \$12 billion in value to the economy and \$120 billion in benefits to consumers. Clearly, not deploying LightSquared's 4G-LTE network would cause significant economic harm which our country can ill afford at this time.

Congress and President Obama were smart to provide \$7.2 billion in broadband stimulus grants to expand access and ultimately "increase jobs, spur investments in technology and infrastructure, and provide long-term economic benefits," in communities across America. The LightSquared network would provide many of these same benefits – except that it would not cost taxpayers a single penny.

The FCC should continue to facilitate the process and ensure the stakeholders commit to problem-solving so that all Americans can benefit from both LightSquared's unique service and GPS devices.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Talbo", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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